

## THE PALATKA NEWS

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Dr. Frederick A. Cook has been lo-

located in Chile. It is just as well for

him to find it pretty chilly at home

these days, despite his arctic garments.

Over in Putnam Hon. S. J. Hillburn is

a candidate for state senator and if he is

elected our neighboring county will be

ably represented in the senate.—Starke

Telegraph.

Chairman Price has called the state

democratic executive committee to meet

at Tampa on the 23d inst. at 11 o'clock.

Is it possible that press criticism of the

committee's action at the last meeting

has forced the chairman to think it wise

to reconsider that action?

The News calls attention of its readers

to the communication of Claude L'Engle

in another column. Mr. L'Engle,

who is a candidate for the United

States senate, was referred to in the

News some weeks ago as furnishing an

example of a poor man running for a

state office—something that has been

regarded as quite impossible. Of course

it is none of the business of the News

as to where Mr. L'Engle got the money,

but he explains it in his letter, just the

same.

Hon. Eugene S. Matthews of Starke,

Speaker of the House of Representatives

in the legislature of 1907, will be a can-

didate from Bradford county again this

year with the conditions all favorable to

his success. He is one of the most popu-

lar speakers in the entire history of the

Florida legislature, and it is more than

likely that, with the knowledge of his

past success before them, very many in

the coming legislature will again urge

his candidacy for the speakership. As a

presiding officer he may have his equals,

but no superiors.

To Hon. Daniel A. Simmons, formerly

private secretary to Governor Broward,

belongs the credit of writing the clearest

and strongest article contributed through

the public prints to the discussion of the

recent proceedings of the state demo-

cratic executive committee. Mr. Sim-

mons' premise that democratic nomi-

nations, even though made by primary

election, are merely a party affair with

which the legislative department of the

state has nothing to do, is so sound and

his reasoning so clear that persons who

have been trying to tangle party affairs

with general law ought to be able, from

a reading of the article, to see the error

of their way.—Starke Telegraph.

The Florida Press Association is to

meet in Lake City on Monday and

Tuesday, April 14th and 15th. For one

of the editors of the News has made up

his mind to attend that meeting, and

he hopes to meet all the editors of Florida

there. The newspapers constitute a

mighty, but modest, power in the de-

velopment of the state; a power that

might be doubted and yet, in the end,

conquers. Let us get together and talk

it over. Let us make this Press Associa-

tion what it is by right should be—the

real leader in the forward march for a

greater Florida.—Palatka News.

Now, if all the editors of Florida

could become imbued with the same

spirit that actuates Editor Russell, with

a glorious gathering the Lake City

meeting would be.—Ocean Star.

This spirit can be injected by re-

peated reference to the coming meeting

and by urging the importance of a gen-

eral gathering. The Star man will be

there, and we'll bet on that.

Claude L'Engle is getting real naugh-

ty. You know about election time

Senator Taliaferro becomes a great man

and all his mighty deeds in behalf of

the people are written on the back of a

postal card and mailed to the voters.

Now Claude is from Missouri, politically

speaking, and he has to be shown what

the great man has done before he be-

lieves a word of it. He has heard about

the great man's Standard Oil senator

had secured for Florida and he investi-

gated the matter. The result was that

he found a little old one-eyed senator up

in South Carolina answering to the

name of Ben Tillman had secured mil-

lions more for harbor improvements and

rivers than Tilliaferro, though Florida

has many times the miles of seacoast

and rivers of South Carolina. Naugh-

tly, you shouldn't have told it.—

Taylor County Herald.

The editor of the News would be less

than human did he not appreciate the

## THE PRIMARY LAW

Is Now Operative—Some Severe

Penalties for Violation.

On June 11th of last year Governor

Gilchrist signed the primary bill passed

by the last legislature, and the same in

consequence thereof is a statute of the

state of Florida.

The statute, which is chapter 5929 of

the laws of Florida, made many changes,

with which but few people are familiar.

The new primary law provides severe

penalties, and some of its provisions are

as follows:

**Duty of Candidates.**

"Section 1. That each and every can-

didate voted upon in the state and county

primaries of the state of Florida be and

is hereby required to file in the office of

the clerk of the circuit court of his county

if he is a candidate for a county office,

or in the office of the secretary of state

if he is a candidate for a national or state

office, not less than ten days before the

primary in which he is a candidate, a

complete statement in itemized form of

his campaign. The statement shall in-

clude the names of all contributors to his

campaign fund, whether they be persons

or corporations, firms or associations,

and their relationship to him by blood,

marriage, business or association, politi-

cal, fraternal or otherwise, and all the

expenses incurred as a result of his can-

didacy, and shall be given under oath.

And each candidate voted upon in the

state or county primaries, as aforesaid,

shall file not later than ten days after the

primary in which he is a candidate another

statement in the same place as is re-

spectively provided herein for the first

statement, and including any, every and

all of the specifications, divisions and

requirements of the first statement, nam-

ing all of the additional expenses in-

curred by him beside those mentioned

in the first statement, as above required,

up to and including the day of the pri-

mary in which he was a candidate, and

each candidate furnishing this last state-

ment shall swear at the time that the two

statements of campaign expenses herein

required include a complete and full ac-

count of all the expenses incurred by

him as a result of his candidacy.

"Sec. 2. At the time the last statement

required in section 1 of this act is given

another statement shall be given under

oath, by each and every candidate voted

upon in any state or county primary of

Florida, giving the names of his political

workers and telling for what considera-

tion, if any, such work was done, the term

"political workers" to refer to those who

left for a time or part of a time their

ordinary occupations to further his can-

didacy. This statement shall be filed in

the office of the clerk of the circuit

court of his county, or in the office of

the secretary of state, according to

whether the candidate furnishing it was

a candidate for a county or a national or

a state office.

**Against the Grafters.**

"Sec. 10. No person who is a candi-

didate for any office or who has made

known his intention of becoming a can-

didate, shall donate, contribute or give

away, or promise or agree to do so, or

encourage any other person to do so for

him, any money, intoxicating liquor, or

any other thing of value to any person,

association or corporation, in an attempt

to directly or indirectly influence any

person's vote, or influence any person

to cast any vote. This section shall be

construed so as to embrace churches,

schools and any and all charitable

organizations.

"Sec. 14. It shall be and is hereby

declared a misdemeanor for any candi-

didate or other person to have or distrib-

ute on the day of the primary at or near

any polling place, any cards, pictures, lit-

erature or other writing against any can-

didate in the primary.

**No Bribery Whatever.**

"Sec. 15. Any person who shall give,

lend, solicit, request, demand or receive,

directly or indirectly, any money, in-

toxicating liquor, or any other thing of

value, of whatsoever nature or kind

whatsoever, or the right to any such

thing, to influence a vote or under pre-

text of being used to procure the vote

of any other person or persons, or to be

used at any poll or other place prior to

or on the day of any primary election,

or to assist any candidate for office,

shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor

and, upon conviction hereof, shall be

sentenced to imprisonment for a term of

not more than ten years, and to the

penalty of not less than one year, and

for the conviction of a second offense, or

for the conviction of a third offense, or

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## CLAUDE L'ENGLE

Tells Where He Got The Money to Pay his Campaign Expenses.

Editor PALATKA NEWS:

I have noted your recent comment on

me, in which you say that I—too poor

to run my paper at the last session of the

legislature—am now running auto-

mobiles in my race for the United States

Senate nomination—leaving and even

suggesting a disagreeable inference.

Being by nature hopeful, I am writing

you this in that frame of mind, to afford

you an opportunity, by publishing this

letter, to repair the damage your editor-

ial comment may have done me.

I did not, as you said, ask my friends

to contribute to the expense of getting

out my paper during the session. I had

discontinued The Sun eight months be-

fore the legislature of 1909 convened.

I gave as the reason for doing this that

I had spent all the money I could afford

to spend in getting out a free paper that

could not, because of the antagonisms

its independent course in defense of the

rights of the people, had created among

the powerful few organized to usurp

them. After the legislature met last

year, the lack of a newspaper such as

The Sun, was keenly felt by those who

had seen the wholesome effect of its

faithful record of things transpiring in

legislative circles the session before.

These men, for a few of them asked me

to edit a daily paper during the session,

that they would provide the money for.

I did not ask them to do so. All

this was set forth in the first issue of

that paper, and was reprinted in the

folder that I left at your office when I

called on my first trip as a candidate for